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**REPORT OF H.E. ALASSANE DRAMANE OUATTARA,  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND  
LEADER FOR THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
AFRICAN UNION AGENDA 2063**

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. In 2015, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU) established a strategic framework for the long-term transformation of the Continent called, “**Agenda 2063**”. The stated objective is to make the Continent “**An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena**”.

2. In order to follow-up on progress made in the implementation of Agenda 2063, **His Excellency Mr. Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire, was designated as “ Leader for the Follow-Up of the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and its First Ten-Year Plan (2014-2023), with effective consideration of its synergy with the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Programme (Agenda 2030)”**, at the 28th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union in January 2017.

3. Furthermore, the AU Executive Council, at its 32nd Ordinary Session in January 2018, endorsed the Agenda 2063 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, and Indicator Handbook. These tools enable Member States to report on progress achieved in the implementation of Agenda 2063 and its First Ten-Year Plan.

4. Also, at its Ministerial Meeting in Yaounde, Cameroon, in March 2019, the AU Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration, recommended that the African Union Commission and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) coordinate the preparation and submission to policy organs of continental biennial reports on performance in the implementation of Agenda 2063. The agencies developed an empirical approach to guide national, regional and continental organs in monitoring and preparation of reports on the implementation of Agenda 2063 and its First Ten-Year Plan.

5. Consequently, the First Continental Report on the Status of Implementation of Agenda 2063 was prepared based on the National Reports of thirty-one (31) AU Member States and six (6) Regional Economic Communities (RECs).

6. Building on the First Continental Report on the Status of Implementation of Agenda 2063, the Leader’s Roadmap and the recommendations emanating from the First Report of the Leader, which was presented at the 32nd Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government, this Second Report is analytical as well as informative. It highlights progress, opportunities and challenges in implementation. It also presents the results in relation to the aspirations, objective and targets defined in the First Ten-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063.

7. This document is a summary of the Report of the Leader of the Follow-Up on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and its First Ten-Year Plan 2063 (2014-2023).

### ❖ **Mandate of the Leader**

8. The roadmap that supports this important mandate is broken down into the following main areas:

- i. ***Support the popularization and ownership of Agenda 2063;***
- ii. ***Stimulate the implementation of the 14 Flagship Projects of Agenda 2063***, in particular through the porting of 2 to 3 projects and strengthening the monitoring framework of such projects;
- iii. ***Assist in the deployment of the Harmonized Follow-Up and Monitoring Framework*** of the United Nations Agenda 2030 and African Union Agenda 2063, and the High Five of the African Development Bank (AfDB); and
- iv. ***Assist in the implementation of the Financial Resource Mobilization Strategy for Agenda 2063.***

## II. PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 2063 AND ITS FIRST TEN-YEAR PLAN

### ❖ Progress in Terms of the Aspirations

9. The Continent reached an overall achievement rate of 32% in terms of the 2019 targets for the seven major aspirations. Indeed, with a score of **48%**, Africa achieved satisfactory results for **Aspiration 4 "A Peaceful and Secure Africa"** - partly thanks to established mechanisms and strengthened capacities for maintaining peace and security at the national level.

10. Similarly, thanks to the collective and concerted efforts of the Member States to make the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) operational, the Continent recorded a performance of **44%** in the pursuit of **Aspiration 2 "An Integrated Continent, Politically United and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance"**.

11. **38%** performance was recorded under **Aspiration 6 "An Africa whose Development is people driven, relying on the potential offered by African People, especially its Women and Youth, and caring for Children"**.

12. Performance remains low in the achievement of **Aspiration 1 "A Prosperous Africa, based on Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development"**, with an overall score of **29%**. In addition, **Aspiration 3** on **"An Africa of Good Governance, Democracy, Respect for Human Rights, Justice and the Rule of Law"**, Africa recorded a performance of **16%**. **Aspiration 5** focusing on the promotion of **"Africa with a Strong Cultural Identity, Common Heritage, Values and Ethics"** also recorded a low score of **12%**.

### ❖ Continental Performance by Agenda 2063 Objectives

13. Good performances were recorded for the achievement of Objectives 9 and 15. However, performances remain moderate for Objective 1 and weak for Objectives 4, 5 and 12.

14. In fact, **the overall performance of the Member States for the “establishment of the AfCFTA”** stands at 92% of the 2019 target. Therefore, the acceleration of the AfCFTA implementation is a catalyst for the process of establishing functional financial and monetary institutions.

15. With regard to the pursuit of **a fully functional African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA)**, the efforts made have enabled, in most Member States, the creation of National Peace Councils, resulting in a satisfactory performance of 76% in terms of the 2019 continental target.

16. The **Continent recorded an average performance of 56% towards achieving the objective of "a high standard of living, a quality of life and well-being for all"**, largely due to an increase in the proportion of the population with access to the internet and an increase in the population with access to drinking water, which rose from 68.4% in 2013 to 77% in 2019 for a target set at 86.4%.

17. The performance of the agricultural sector remains weak due to the low mechanization of agriculture and the inadequacy of value chains. As for objective 12 **"Capable Institutions and Transformative Leadership in Place"**, the Continent recorded a very weak performance estimated at 4%, despite the initiatives undertaken.

#### ❖ **Performance of the Implementation of Agenda 2063 by Region**

18. At the regional level, East Africa recorded the best performance in five of the seven Aspirations of the First Ten-Year Plan of the Implementation of Agenda 2063, with an overall score of 40% with respect to the 2019 objectives. The overall performance of West Africa is 34%, while that of North Africa is 27%. The Southern Africa and Central African regions each scored 25% overall with respect to the 2019 targets.

### **III. IMPLEMENTATION OF FLAGSHIP PROJECTS**

19. Fourteen (14) flagship projects have been identified to support the implementation of Agenda 2063 and its First Ten-Year Plan. Significant progress has been made in the implementation of certain projects.

20. Regarding **the operationalization of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)**, the overall performance of the Member States stands at 92% of the 2019 target. To date, 54 countries have signed the Free Trade Agreement and 29 have ratified and deposited their instruments of ratification.

21. Regarding the **"free movement of persons and the African passport"**, 32 Member States have signed the Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community Relating to Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Right of Establishment.

22. **The Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM)** was launched in January 2018 at the 30th Ordinary Summit of the African Union. Following this launch, 29 AU Member States - representing almost 80% of intra-African air traffic - have signed the Solemn Commitment to set up the SAATM, of which 18 Member States have signed a protocol of application to eliminate any restrictions in air service agreements which do not comply with the Yamoussoukro Decision.

23. **The "Silencing the Guns in Africa" project** has been adopted by Member States as the theme of the African Union for the year 2020, which seeks to highlight the remarkable progress made by the Continent in reducing the number of armed conflicts. Moreover, African countries that are members of the United Nations Security Council are working to promote the "Silencing the Guns in Africa" project internationally.

#### **IV. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPROPRIATION, IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND REPORTING ON AGENDA 2063 BETWEEN RECs AND MEMBER STATES**

##### **❖ Appropriation and implementation of Agenda 2063 at national and regional levels**

24. Since the adoption of the First Ten-Year Plan in 2015, the AU Commission has provided technical support to 42 Member States and 5 RECs for the implementation of Agenda 2063 to ensure the alignment of national and regional development plans with the First Ten-Year Plan 2014-2023.

##### **❖ Institutional arrangements for coordination, implementation, monitoring and reporting on Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063**

25. Most Member States of the African Union have set up inter-ministerial and multi-stakeholder coordination committees, under the leadership of the ministries in charge of planning, finance and economic development, for the implementation and monitoring of development agendas. In addition, the AU and the United Nations have established a high-level political dialogue platform for the joint implementation of Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063.

##### **❖ Monitoring and Evaluation of Agenda 2063**

26. The monitoring and evaluation tools developed to support the implementation of the First Ten-Year Implementation Plan for Agenda 2063 served as the basis for the preparation of a procedures manual for putting in place systems and processes from national structures to continental structures.

## ❖ Mobilization of domestic resources

27. The Executive Council approved the financing and resource mobilization strategy for Agenda 2063 and requested the AUC and the AfDB, in close collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD, to prepare an “Agenda 2063 Roadmap and a Financing and Domestic Resource Mobilization Guide” for the AU Member States and Regional Economic Communities.

## V. CHALLENGES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 2063

28. Several challenges have been observed in the implementation of Agenda 2063 and its First Ten-Year Plan. These include: (i) weak national statistical systems; (ii) low level of popularization and appropriation of Agenda 2063 within Member States, and (iii) delays in implementing flagship projects due, *inter alia*, to unavailability of funding, absence of detailed feasibility studies and non-ratification by some Member States.

## VI. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSION

29. Faced with the challenges identified, the following recommendations are proposed: (i) strengthen the synergy of actions between the Member States, in particular through experience sharing within the various RECs; (ii) accelerate the popularization and ownership of Agenda 2063 by Member States, (iii) strengthen national statistical systems, and (iv) accelerate the implementation of the strategic framework for domestic resource mobilization for the financing of Agenda 2063 and the Flagship Projects.

30. In conclusion, Agenda 2063 implementation has accelerated at national, regional and continental levels. The follow-up report on the first six years of implementation indicates that remarkable progress has been made with regard to the objectives defined in the First Ten-Year Plan.

31. However, the stocktaking of the implementation of Flagship Projects and achievement of the Aspirations reveals important challenges that the above recommendations would help to address. To this end, all key players in the implementation of Agenda 2063 and its First Ten-Year Plan should work in good synergy and collaborative manner to further speed up the achievement of the Objectives.

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